

HA-1791
1921 or 1922
Bel Air
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

 x 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SA-1791

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gore House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 122 W. Gordon St.

n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air

 vicinity of

congressional district

3rd

state MD

county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Dean King

street & number 122 W. Gordon St.

telephone no.: 838-6471

city, town Bel Air

state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse 807

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168

street & number Bel Air

 folio MD

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-1701

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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Its fenestration is idiosyncratic: 10/1 double-hung sash, tripled in the downstairs front, doubled on the whole east side and on the west ground floor rear, and single elsewhere, and a pair of casements in the ground floor front, all flanked by black shutters. The ground floor plan is unusual, too, essentially 4 rooms of equal size: entry hall and living room, followed to the north by the dining room and sitting room. Across the rear is a single story, shed-roofed addition which includes the kitchen (west) and a bedroom and bath (east). The whole interior is unusually spacious and light.

The detail inside is more complex than usual. The wide hall has a flagstone floor. The closed-string staircase with square newel and balusters has a wide landing half way up where it dog-legs. The casement windows light the lower stair, and a full window lights the landing. Its odd placement can be seen in the west elevation. Door surrounds are grooved and corniced. The hall-living room opening (with French doors) and the one between the living room and sitting room are so wide that they hardly seem to exist. The north sitting room wall has a field stone fireplace with a thick wood slab shelf and barn siding from Mrs. King's home place flanking it. The east wall of the dining room has a series of built in cupboards and shelving in antiqued knotty pine. Four bedrooms and a bath are upstairs. The doors there have 5 horizontal panels. An entrance in the east elevation leads to the dining room and basement. The unique floor plan and many of the elegant touches are the work of the Kings, for which, see the next section.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1921 or 1922 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Mrs. Gore sold the house to real estate agent Glenn Tilley in 1946. His daughter, now Virginia Torgerson, took care of him after his wife died. She now lives at 126 West Gordon [HA-1793], two doors west. His other daughter, Betty Potter, owned 330 West Gordon [HA-1793], three doors west, from 1970 to 1983.

The house was a rental for a while before the Kings bought it in 1969. They made a number of changes before they moved in: the flagstone floor in the hall, the fireplace and paneling in the sitting room, which had been the dining room, and the conversion of the kitchen to a dining room with antiques knotty pine built-in cupboards and shelves in the east wall. The rear addition containing the new kitchen and a master bedroom suite was done at that time. They also added the aluminum siding.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1791

Harford County Land Records
Site visit, 29 April 1993

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 448 in the Town of Bel Air, 100' (West Gordon) x 282'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Lareworganization _____ date 6-2-93street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557city or town New Park state PA 17352

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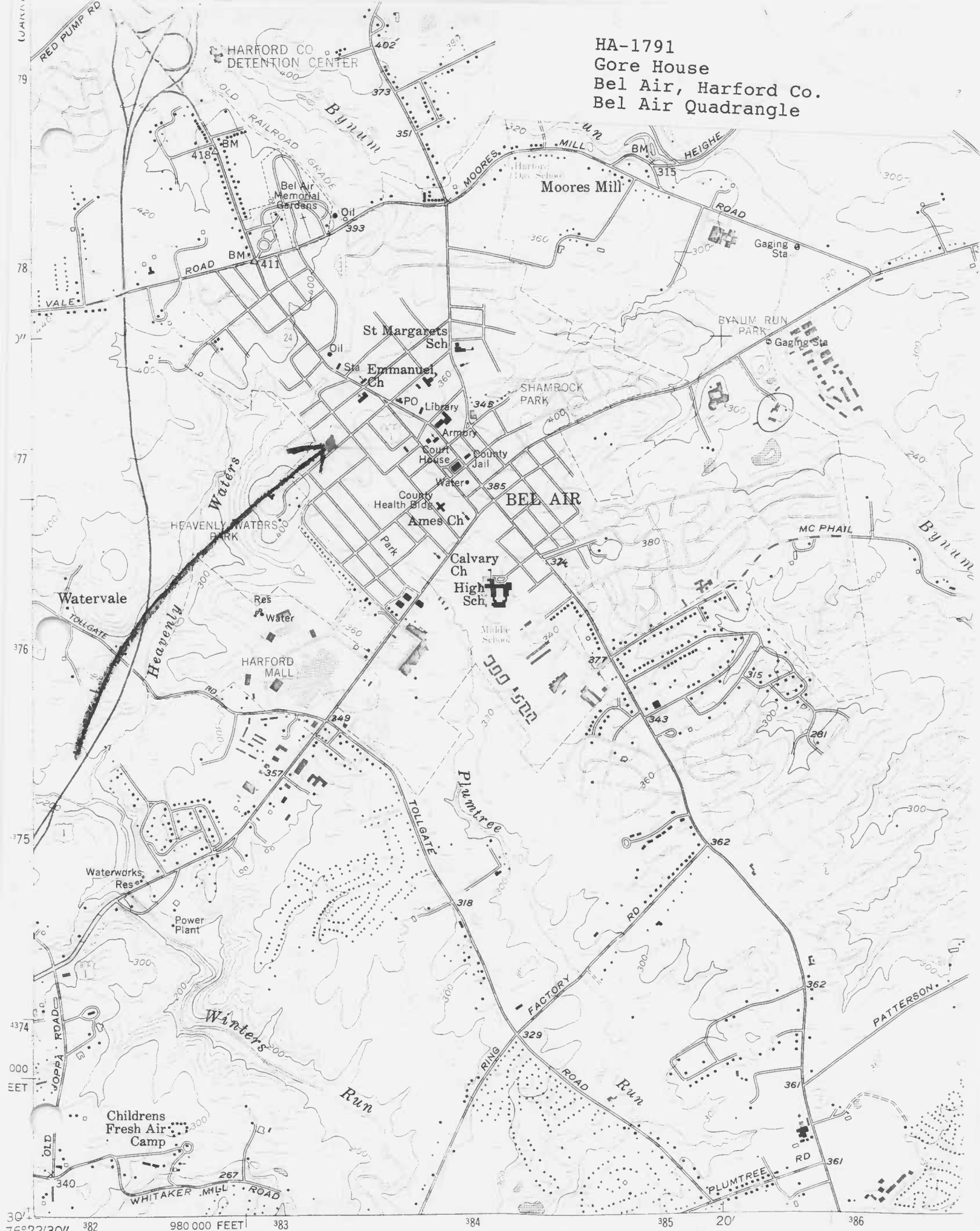
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122 West Gordon St.
Bel Air, Md 21014

owner: Dean King

807/168	17 March 1969 Glenn E. Tilley, widower to Dean King and Hollis, wife lots 26-29, block E, Richardson's Addition
297/215	27 June 1946 Blanche Gore, widow to Glenn E. Tilley and Bettie Mae, wife
178/228	16 June 1922 J. Harry Bauer and Evelyn K., wife to Howard M. Gore and Blanche, wife
173/150	26 April 1921 Bruce B. Derrick and Margaret E., wife to J. Harry Bauer and Evelyn K., wife
164/403	11 August 1919 Henrietta Rouse et al to Bruce B. Derrick

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Bel Air Quadrangle





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